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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**National Day of Prayer**  
7 p.m. May 3  
Glendale Presbyterian  
500 N. Sappington

**Board of Aldermen**  
7:30 p.m.  
First & Third Monday  
City Hall

**19th Annual JazzFest**  
5:30 to 10:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 25  
Glendale Lutheran Church  
1365 N. Sappington

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## JazzFest to play at Glendale Lutheran Church

Glendale will celebrate its 19th annual Glendale JazzFest from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, May 25 at Glendale Lutheran Church, 1365 N. Sappington Road.

Because the City Hall and firehouse are under construction, city officials have moved this year's premier community event to Glendale Lutheran Church's parking lot. The church's lot has plenty of room for all of the attendees, food booths, food trucks and the performance stage.

"Although we will be enjoying the jazz sound at a new location this year, we appreciate the community's continued support of the event," said City Administrator Jaysen Christensen. "We look forward to a warm, clear evening for the 19th annual Jazzfest."

Vocalist Coco Soul is the featured headliner, returning after an outstanding performance last year.



*Coco Soul*



*Shawn Maxwell*

The remaining performance lineup includes:

- Anita Rosemond and her band led by Bill Elrod, returning to kick off the show.
- The Shawn Maxwell Quartet, playing jazz funk from Chicago.
- Randy Holmes and an all-star band, paying tribute to Horace Silver, a renowned 1950s-era jazz performer.

Parking will be available at the North Glendale Elementary School parking lot, the Kirkwood Early Childhood Center parking lot and on side streets throughout the city. The city will provide shuttle service from both school locations throughout the night.

Residents are welcome to bring their own refreshments (no glass, please), but as usual, local businesses and vendors will sell food and drink. Some additional new vendors will participate this year.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Residents,

It continues to be an exciting time in Glendale with several construction projects underway or anticipated to begin in the not too distant future.

First among these is the City's new fire station, which is scheduled to be completed this July. We hope to have the fire station ready for an official ribbon cutting and public tour at the Annual Ice Cream Social and Night Out event this August.

The first phase of the City Hall and police station renovation is now complete, and City meetings are once again being held in the City Hall auditorium, which has a fresh new look. The police station renovation on the lower level of City Hall is now underway and should be completed by this fall.

The final phase of the renovations will include converting the old fire station into

the new City Hall administrative offices, which we anticipate to be completed by the end of 2018. Look for an announcement toward the end of the year about the ribbon cutting and public open house on the newly renovated City Hall and police station. And once again, thank you to all who supported this much-needed project, which will help Glendale continue to provide a high level of emergency first responder services for generations to come.

Another highly anticipated project is the construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Berry Road between Gramercy Place and Brownell Avenue. St. Louis County, which owns Berry Road, has cooperated with the City to install new sidewalk and a new culvert over Clif Side Creek. This work is anticipated to begin early next year and to be completed over the course of several months. Plans are expected to be announced in the coming weeks, at which time the City and the County will begin meeting with residents whose properties front the planned sidewalk improvements.

Speaking of new sidewalks, MoDOT has announced its plans to construct sidewalks on Manchester Road between

Lindbergh and Big Bend boulevards. MoDOT also plans to resurface and make other improvements to Manchester Road beginning in 2020 and finishing by 2022. MoDOT and the City have begun meeting with residents and businesses who will be directly affected.

As you may have read elsewhere, City Administrator Jaysen Christensen has accepted a position as city administrator of Frontenac after serving over five years in Glendale. We appreciate Mr. Christensen's service and look forward to appointing a new city administrator in



*Jaysen Christensen*

the coming weeks. The City has already received applications from several highly qualified candidates.

I would also like to express appreciation for the service of Dr. Todd Benben as principal of North Glendale Elementary for 12 years. Dr. Benben's leadership at North Glendale as well as the greater Glendale community will be greatly missed.

Finally, please mark your calendars for the City's annual JazzFest on Friday, May 25 from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Glendale Lutheran Church. JazzFest is the City's premier annual event and is always a lot of fun for the whole family. As always, thank you for your continued interest and involvement in our community.

Best Regards,

Mayor Richard Magee

### City prohibits short-term residential rentals

The City of Glendale recently passed an ordinance prohibiting short-term residential rentals.

Existing Glendale zoning regulations already prohibited short-term rentals of all or a portion of residential homes within the City, but this new ordinance was considered in order to protect the peaceful enjoyment of property, public health, safety and welfare in Glendale.

"Short-term rentals of residential dwelling units, or a portion thereof, located in the City of Glendale except for lodging establishments are prohibited," the new ordinance states. "The owner and/or transient guest may be jointly and severally liable for violations of the Section."

The Glendale Board of Aldermen determined that although properly licensed,

regulated and operated lodging establishments within commercial zoning districts may be permitted, short-term rentals of all or a portion of residential areas is not in keeping with the stability, shared commitment and sense of community that give Glendale its exceptional quality. The board also determined that such rentals conflict with the neighborhood environment that makes the City's single-family residential areas special, welcoming and desirable.

Short-term rentals are defined as "a rental of any legally permitted dwelling unit, or a portion of such a legally permitted dwelling unit, other than a lodging establishment, for a period of less than 30 consecutive calendar days."

Ordinance B03-18 was adopted and took effect March 5.

## North Glendale School plans to expand parking lot to ease traffic

By Todd Benben, Principal  
North Glendale Elementary School

The Kirkwood School District has approved the expansion of North Glendale Elementary School's parking lot, a project that will be funded by a dedicated maintenance fund.

This expansion will solve a number of challenges that have been frustrating our school community and anyone driving Sappington Road during school drop-off and pick-up times. It also will help alleviate some of the congestion of the street parking that happens during the school year. With the additional parking spots, the faculty and visitors will have a place to park during the day, rather than in the fire zones on the street. The expansion also will allow more cars to be directed off Sappington during dismissal and will make Sappington and Kirkham Avenue safer during dismissal times.

North Glendale PTO is planning to update the current track around our field.

The new track will be fully financed by the PTO and will replace the current asphalt track, which is over 15 years old and in need of major repairs. The new 250-meter track will have two lined lanes of sealed polyurethane surface over asphalt. The new surface will be much safer for our students and adults who walk the track.

The new track will be the fourth significant improvement to our school grounds in the past 14 years. Those improvements include a pavilion, playground replacement and an additional playground built in the summer of 2017. We are honored to share these facilities with our Glendale neighbors.

Another potential improvement that could happen (if we can afford it) is re-grading our field to improve drainage, allow better grass growth and provide more opportunities for usage after rain. If this project moves forward, there may be stretches of time this summer that the field will be closed for use. (At press



*Todd Benben*

time, we do not have plans finalized as projects are currently out for bid.)

Thanks for the ongoing support of our learning community. We hope both of these projects will be finished by the end of this summer.

## Glendale community bids farewell to retiring North Glendale School principal

Educator Dr. Todd Benben, whose career spans 28 years, is retiring after serving 12 years as principal of North Glendale Elementary School.

Since 2006, Benben has developed an educational utopia at North Glendale dedicated to building positive relationships with all members of the learning community. He has developed shared commitments with teaching staff to support the district and building missions, vision and strategic plans. Central to his work was leading the staff on a nine-year transformational journey involving Courageous Conversations

about Race.

Benben began his career in 1990 as a physical education specialist in the Rockwood School District and served in the same capacity in the School District of Clayton. There, he was instrumental in introducing heart monitors and fitness stations to promote lifetime fitness.

In 1997, Benben was appointed assistant principal of the Kindergarten Center in the Rockwood district, followed by six years as principal of Clark Elementary in the Webster Groves District. Under his leadership, Clark became the first Gold Star School in

that district.

Benben was recognized as 2007-08 Principal of the Year and led North Glendale in achieving top 10 status in MAP Communication Arts and in being named a Missouri Gold Star School and a 2014 United States Blue Ribbon School.

Dr. Benben earned his bachelor of science degree in physical education from the University of Missouri at St. Louis, his master of arts degree in elementary administration from Lindenwood University, and his doctorate in educational administration from Maryville University.

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## POLICE BEAT

### *Low-speed vehicles regulated in Glendale*

The City of Glendale recently passed an ordinance regulating the operation of low-speed vehicles. Low-speed vehicles are defined “as vehicles with top speeds of 20 miles per hour, which are gasoline powered, electrically powered or battery powered, and which may include golf carts.” The adopted ordinance closely resembles Missouri State Statute 304.029.

This new ordinance provides appropriate regulations and standards to ensure public health and safety related to the operation of such vehicles. It was also designed to protect the drivers and passengers of low-speed vehicles and pedestrians within the City of Glendale.

The following regulations are in effect in reference to low-speed vehicles:

- The driver of a low-speed vehicle must be a licensed driver.
- Every operator of a low-speed vehicle shall maintain financial responsibility.
- All operators of low-speed vehicles shall observe all traffic laws and ordinances regarding the rules of the road.
- Low-speed vehicles shall not be operated on streets with posted speed limits greater than 20 miles per hour.
- Low-speed vehicles operating on streets within the City of Glendale must be manufactured in compliance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration standards and in R.S.Mo. 571.500 as amended.

Low-speed vehicles operating on Glendale streets must be equipped with the following:

- Head lamps
- Tail lamps
- Front and rear turn signal lamps
- Stop or brake lamps
- Side and rear reflex reflectors



- An exterior mirror mounted on the driver’s side of the vehicle and either an interior rear view mirror or an exterior passenger side mirror.
- A parking brake
- A windshield that complies with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 49 and in R.S.Mo. 571.205 as amended
- A vehicle identification number (VIN)
- Seat belt assemblies for each passenger conforming with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 209 or R.S.Mo. 571.209 as amended.

Every person operating a low-speed vehicle shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all duties applicable to the driver of any other motor vehicle except as to the special regulations in the ordinance and except for provisions that by their nature can have no application.

This new ordinance was adopted and took effect on March 5.

### *Citizen Services*

The Glendale Police Department offers several programs to help citizens learn more about public safety and participate in joint efforts with police to help keep everyone safe.

#### **Miscellaneous Clinics**

The department offers a wide variety of clinics such as home safety, drug and alcohol awareness and school safety. For more information contact Assistant Chief of Police Bob Catlett.

### **Neighborhood Watch**

This program is a good example of how



citizens and their police department work together to prevent and solve crimes within their community. Before a neighborhood can participate, 80 percent of the residents must attend a Neighborhood Watch training program to include topics such as personal and physical security, environmental design, learning what to report and forming partnerships. Contact Crime Prevention Specialist Bob Catlett for more details.



### **Ride-along Program**

This program allows citizens to observe law enforcement in action and become familiar with the patrol operations of the department. The role the participant plays is strictly that of an observer. Riders may not become involved, physically or verbally, with anyone with whom the officer comes in contact. Download a Ride-Along Application at <http://www.glendalemo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Ride-Along-Application.pdf>.

## BURNING ISSUES

### Meet Your Fire Department

The Glendale Fire Department is made up of 12 firefighters who are dedicated to ensure the citizens of Glendale and Warson Woods are safe. The staff includes:

#### A-Shift:

Capt. Brad Kauffeld  
Lt. Jim Bockhorst  
Firefighter/EMT-B Matt Cash  
FF/EMT-P Ken Gales

#### B-Shift:

Fire Chief Curtis VanGaasbeek  
Lt. Mike Blevins  
FF/EMT-B Steve Siebert  
FF/EMT-P Robert Spencer

#### C-Shift:

Capt. Chuck Helle  
Lt. Matt Hawkins  
FF/EMT-P Keith Schilling  
FF/EMT-P Greg Kozlowski

In 2018, the Glendale Fire Department continues with changes started last year. A new chief, a new fire station, a new fire apparatus and a new firefighter are all part of the many changes for the department. As the Glendale Fire Department embarks on this new era in its history, we would be remiss not to remember all the many brave members who have served this department and the citizens of Glendale/Warson Woods

over its 92 years of service. The members of the Glendale Fire Department serve with honor, a strong sense of duty, a sense of pride and overall compassion. Our members perform their

duties with the mission of caring for the citizens as their first attitude.



### Disaster preparedness

The time is fast approaching for storms and potential disasters. As all of us have witnessed, we are all at risk of being involved in a natural disaster in our lives. Being prepared is the essential key to surviving if such an event strikes near home.

#### Know your Warnings — What to Do Before and After Disaster Strikes:

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services — water, gas, electricity or telephones — were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away. Families can — and do—cope with disaster by preparing in advance and working together as a team. Follow the steps listed below to create your family's disaster plan. Knowing what to do is your best protection.

#### Create a Disaster Plan:

Having a plan is the most important step in a disaster. Knowing what to do will guide you during and after an event. Meet and educate your family, explain the dangers of fire, severe weather, and earthquakes to everyone in the family but especially children. Plan to share responsibilities and work together at a team. Pick TWO places to meet if a disaster happens, one right outside your home, and the second outside your neighborhood if you can't return to your home or the area is unsafe. Everyone must know the address/location and phone number of that location.

Have a family contact out-of-state to be a contact. After a disaster, everyone should contact that person and report their location and condition (if OK or not). This way, that one person can be the communication point for the family. Finally, have a plan for your pets. Pets are family, building them in the plan is just as important.



#### Be Prepared and Have a Kit:

Keep enough supplies in your home to meet your needs for at least three days. Assemble a disaster supplies kit with items you may need in an evacuation. Store these supplies in sturdy, easy-to-carry containers such as backpacks, duffle bags or covered trash containers.

A disaster kit should include a three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day); food that won't spoil; and one change of clothes, footwear, blanket or sleeping bag per person. Keeping a first-aid kit that includes family prescriptions and medications, along with emergency tools including a battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries, is a good idea as well.

Some additional items that could be important include an extra set of car keys and a credit card, cash or travelers checks, sanitation supplies and special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members and pets.

Keep a smaller kit in the trunk of your car, and keep important family documents in a waterproof container and on cellphones.

With any event or disaster — manmade or otherwise — having a plan and being prepared will help minimize loss and allow for continuity of operations within your home.

Take Care and Stay Safe,

Curtis VanGaasbeek  
Fire Chief  
City of Glendale Fire Department

[www.glendalefd.com](http://www.glendalefd.com)

## Glendale begins major reforestation effort

As a Tree City USA member since 2013, the City of Glendale is beginning a comprehensive reforestation effort to keep the city's trees healthy and beautiful.

Glendale, as an older community, is in a rebuilding phase in terms of infrastructure. Underground pipes are aging and multiple repairs are being made to each water, sewer and gas pipe along any given street. These are typical components of infrastructure, but trees are also a part of the City's infrastructure.

Tree City USA membership shows the public that their city cares about its trees. Trees provide a plethora of benefits not only in terms of shade and beauty, but in other areas that might be surprising.

A healthy tree, in the proper location, can raise a home's property value by as much as 15 percent. Additionally, studies show that medical patients, whether at home or in the hospital, heal faster if in view of trees, and students who work tend to do better in school when they can see trees. Trees also help prevent erosion and help to control storm water runoff.

There is little to no doubt that trees are beneficial to any community.

Glendale is full of large majestic trees. Many of these older trees have been taken down because they either reached the end of their lives or were felled by a storm. Also, Glendale has a long history of removing trees to prevent the loss of life or property. The city would now like to focus on the last portion of infrastructure improvements, the city's urban forest.

Within the past five years, the city has taken an aggressive approach to replacing or repairing underground utilities and resurfacing roads. The city allows utility companies to pass through neighborhoods to do the work, which is very intrusive, necessitating digging long trenches through the middle of the street. Once the utilities have all been upgraded, the city then installs new asphalt curbing and resurfaces the road.

To date, all roads intersecting or leading away from North Sappington Road

north of Kirkham Avenue have undergone this process, affecting 486 homes, or approximately one-fifth of the total number of homes in Glendale.

Because of the size and number of homes where this work has been completed, and to make up for the long history of lost trees, the focus of the city's last portion of infrastructure improvements will start in this area.

"We would like to see our city continue with the tradition of planting and maintaining beautiful, beneficial trees," said Terry Jones, Public Works superintendent.

The city plans to apply for a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) Grant through the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Community Forestry Council for the purchase and planting of new trees within the right of way of homes along the aforementioned streets.

The city's Tree Board selected five types of trees native to Missouri to offer to residents. The Tree Board then mailed residents in the target area a description of the program and an order form to survey the residents and obtain an ordering list. Residents notified the city of their selections in mid-March. The city is using the completed survey to develop a TRIM grant application to MDC, which will notify the city if approved in August or September.

If the TRIM grant is approved, the city will purchase and contract the planting of the trees this fall. The city plans to repeat this reforestation program as groups of streets experience infrastructure improvements, every four to five years, until all streets are complete.

Tree City USA is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. To become a Tree City USA, cities must conduct regular meetings of a Tree Board, spend \$2 per capita each year toward the city's urban forest, have a tree ordinance and observe Arbor Day.



## City completes 2017 TRIM grant work on trees

The City of Glendale plans to apply for a 2018 Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant through the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Community Forestry Council. The city would use the grant for reforestation purposes (see related story).

The City received a TRIM grant in 2017 and completed the work in late 2017.

TRIM grants provide cities, schools and some public utility companies the chance to compete for 60 percent of the total cost of projects related to improvements in their urban forests.

Glendale's 2017 grant provided funding for the removal of two large red oak trees and the removal of storm debris left over from severe storms in 2016, the cost of which totaled \$6,932.

However, because Glendale is a member of Tree City USA, the TRIM grant allows for an additional 15 percent reimbursement. Therefore, the city paid the contractor to perform the work, but the Department of Conservation will reimburse the city 75 percent of the total project cost, or \$5,199.

"As always, the City of Glendale appreciates the opportunity set forth by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Community Forestry Council and looks forward to making further applications for many years to come," said Terry Jones, Public Works superintendent.

## City, MSD plan improvements for Queen Anne/Warwick creek

Known to only a few, there lies a small creek running east and west behind a baker's dozen of homes along Queen Anne Place and Warwick Lane, near North Sappington Road.

This small creek, normally dry except during the rainy season, causes some big problems.

The City of Glendale and the Metropolitan Sewer District of St. Louis are taking steps to solve those problems by funding and constructing necessary improvements. Survey, design and construction work for the project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The creek is shallow and only a couple of feet across. Rain water is collected in standard storm water inlets and a series of underground pipes along Alexandra and Victoria avenues and Queen Anne Place and then discharged into the creek. The creek then carries the water along the rear property lines of 13 homes, to another series of underground pipes at North Sappington Road, where the water enters a larger creek, ultimately making its way to Deer Creek.

"Although this is a large amount of water, the systems are designed to handle it. The problem is that the creek isn't," said Terry Jones, Public Works superintendent.

The creek has a rocky, uneven bottom and several large tree roots extending across the top. The uneven bottom slows the water, causing it to back up. Adding to the problem, leaves, sticks and other debris collect in the uneven bottom and essentially create dams, resulting in major flooding and erosion issues.

Erosion has escalated badly enough to undermine the root systems of several large trees, which fell onto one home, causing



tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Many more trees are in danger of becoming undermined.

Over the years, residents in the area have reached out to MSD and the city for assistance. The city on several occasions has removed litter and debris and posted "No Dumping" signs, but that does little to improve drainage due to the uneven creek bottom. MSD labeled the creek as an "Identified Project," but due to budget constraints, reported that it may be 15 to 20 years before improvements could be made.

Further compounding the problem is the lack of public easements. Currently, there are no publicly owned lands near or along the creek, making the issue 100 percent private, although the problem originates from a series of MSD storm water pipes.

"Both the City of Glendale and MSD recognize the urgent need for drainage improvements and realize the unrealistic expectation of 13 property owners working together to design, implement and pay for the improvements," Jones said. "Therefore, the city and MSD are working together to do just that."

The City has contracted its engineering firm, Wies Design Group, to design the necessary improvements. Work began in early 2018 with a detailed survey of the area. Wies used the survey to develop a preliminary design, for which MSD is providing technical feedback.

Wies will use MSD's feedback to develop a final design, which will be presented to the 13 homeowners adjacent to the creek. However, because there are currently no public easements or lands in the area of the creek, each homeowner will be requested to provide a permanent easement to MSD as well as a temporary constriction easement, for use only while construction is underway.

The permanent easement grants MSD the right to access the creek for structural maintenance purposes.

The design includes the construction of 430 feet of cellular concrete block lining, an interlocking paver system, in place of the existing creek bed. The bottom of the creek will be smooth to allow rain water to quickly move downstream, preventing a backup and subsequent yard flooding.

In order to perform this work, contractors must remove all items currently in and around the creek. This includes rocks, trees, landscaping, fences, tie walls, bricks and other features. The city and MSD will work with each homeowner regarding specific restorations of individual yards.

Wies Design Group and MSD hopes to present the final design to homeowners and make easement acquisitions in early spring this year. Once all the necessary easements have been acquired, the city will seek bids with construction slated for this summer and fall.



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